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By: **St. Mary's County Delegation**  
Introduced and read first time: February 7, 2003  
Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **St. Mary's County - Citizens Nursing Home Board - Membership**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the number of members that may serve on the Citizens  
4 Nursing Home Board in St. Mary's County; providing for the appointment of  
5 certain members of the Board; providing for staggered terms of certain members  
6 of the Board; and generally relating to the St. Mary's County Citizens Nursing  
7 Home Board.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
10 Section 254(a)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article 25 - County Commissioners  
15 Section 254(b)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 25 - County Commissioners**

21 254.

22 (a) The board of county commissioners or county council of every county in  
23 this State may establish a citizens nursing home board.

24 (b) (1) [The] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS  
25 SUBSECTION, THE board shall consist of ten members; and the initial members shall  
26 be appointed by the county commissioners or county council; three members to be  
27 appointed for three years, three for two years, three for one year.

1                   (2)     (I)     IN ST. MARY'S COUNTY, THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF AT  
2 LEAST 10, BUT NO MORE THAN 15, MEMBERS.

3                                 (II)     NEW POSITIONS, AS APPROVED BY THE COUNTY  
4 COMMISSIONERS, SHALL BE INITIALLY FILLED BY APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY  
5 COMMISSIONERS FOR TERMS TO ENSURE BALANCED STAGGERING OF THE  
6 EXPIRATION OF TERMS OF ALL MEMBERS, BUT NOT TO EXCEED THREE YEARS.

7                   (3)     Members shall be chosen from among the residents of the county.

8                   [(3)]   (4)     One member of the board of county commissioners or county  
9 council shall be a member of the board, ex officio, as chosen by the board of county  
10 commissioners or county council from time to time.

11                   [(4)]   (5)     (i)     Except as provided in subparagraphs (ii) and (iii) of this  
12 paragraph, as the terms of the initial appointees expire or as vacancies occur, their  
13 successors shall be elected by a majority vote or quorum of the board for terms of  
14 three years or the remainder thereof; and hereafter, these positions shall be so filled.

15                                 (ii)     In St. Mary's County, as the terms of the initial appointees  
16 expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be appointed by the County  
17 Commissioners of St. Mary's County for a term of 3 years if a term expires, or the rest  
18 of the term if a term is vacated.

19                                 (iii)    In Frederick County, as the terms of the initial appointees  
20 expire or as vacancies occur, their successors shall be appointed by the County  
21 Commissioners of Frederick County for a term of 3 years if a term expires, or the rest  
22 of the term if a term is vacated.

23     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2003.